

Every Time That a Man Picks a Mote Out Of Somebody Else's Eye the Beam In His Own Eye Swells Up Until It Is Bigger Than a Barn

REINFORCEMENTS HELP RUSSIANS STOP AUSTRIA

Teutons Have Up on Warsaw
Drive and Take Hills

INVASERS NOW ON DEFENSIVE

Petrograd Claims Czar's Troops
Have Captured 11,000 Prisoners
in Two Days.

London, Friday, July 9.—English interest in the land fighting centers in Southern Poland, where the Russians, strongly reinforced with men and guns, and with their railways and the fortresses of Lvov and Brest-Litovsk to draw upon, have held up the Austro-German attempt to outflank Warsaw from the southwest.

The Austrians made the admission that before superior Russian forces they have withdrawn to the hills to the north of Krasnik. They also announce that "hostile attacks on the lower Zlota Lipa have been resumed. Heretofore all the attacking on this river has been done by the Austro-Germans, according to their bulletins.

Further heavy fighting must occur there, but the Russian military writers express confidence that now any effort of the German allies to deliver a lightning blow has been discounted and that the Grand Duke's army will be able to hold its positions and perhaps drive the invaders back.

Petrograd, July 8.—This communication has been issued by the War Office:

During the night of July 6 the enemy unsuccessfully attacked our positions near Muraviovo station. To the west of the Kalvaria-Suwalski road the enemy on July 6 succeeded in crossing the river Chelmentka, but was thrown back on the 7th.

On the Orzhit the enemy during the night of the 6th attacked our trenches southwest of the village of Jednorozet. A few score Germans held their ground in front of our trenches until dawn, but were almost all killed by our fire when they tried to retire. During the day the enemy again attacked the same trenches, but every where were repulsed with heavy losses.

On the left bank of the Vistula during the night of the 6th the enemy under cover of enormous clouds of poisonous gases, delivered attacks in the direction of Bolimow. On a front

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of about eight miles he succeeded in some sections in capturing our first-line trenches, but by counter-attacks next day we dislodged him and recovered the position, except in the section near the Bolimow road, where the fight still continues.

Between the small town of Senno and the village of Josefow the enemy on the 7th delivered no attack. At the same time our troops in the direction of Lublin continued to develop successfully the offensive which we had begun in the sector of Urzendorf and Bystrzyca. Our men dealt the enemy terrible blows and between the 5th and 7th took about 11,000 prisoners, while they captured several dozen guns and a flag. In this sector the enemy is in retreat, and we are pursuing him.

There is no change along the Bug, Lota, Lipa, and Dnieper Rivers. Berlin, July 8.—The following official bulletin was issued by the War Office today:

In the eastern theatre an attack from the direction of Kovno, (in Lithuania,) was repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

At Stegna, northeast of Przysnyz, a few Russian trenches were taken and retained.

Enemy advances in the region of Strzegowo and Starosiecz, northeast and east of Racioloz, were unsuccessful. Attempts made by our opponents to take Hill 95, to the east of Dolowatka, which we captured yesterday, failed.

In the southeastern theatre there is no change in the situation of the German troops standing between the Dniester and the upper Vistula.

To the west of the upper Vistula a number of enemy positions were taken by storm.

PELKY WINS AT NORTH ADAMS

Defeats Delaney of New York in Feature Bout of Program

Arthur Pelky of Chicago decisively defeated "Soldier" Delaney of New York in a 12-round bout before the Western Gateway athletic club in North Adams last night. Pelky gave Delaney a severe punishment in every round, but the New Yorker seemed to have the staying powers and stood on his feet to the last. He proved a tough proposition for Pelky, although the latter had a better knowledge of the game and landed hard and often in the preliminary "Kid" Haas of Brooklyn, N. Y., put "Young" Marino of North Adams away in the third round. The semifinal was between "Young" Allard of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., and Charlie Seagun of North Adams. Allard had a shade the better of the argument.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED

In Attack of German Submarine on Steamer Anglo-Californian

Washington, July 9.—Two Americans, Richard Martin, either of Chelsea or Providence, R. I., and John Mahoney, thought to have lived at 321 Third Avenue, New York, were killed by the shell fire of the German submarine which attacked the British steamer, Anglo-Californian. Advice to this effect reached the state department yesterday from Consul-General Skinner at London who transmitted a report from the American consul at Queenstown. Eight members of her crew and captain were killed and eight were wounded during the attack which occurred the 4th. The Anglo-Californian escaped.

BURIAL OF MRS. MILLER

Former Resident Who Died in Brooklyn

The remains of Mrs. Danton M. Miller, a former resident who died in Brooklyn, arrived here Thursday afternoon for burial in the family lot at Old Bennington. The burial was conducted by Rev. J. Elmer McKee of St. Peter's church. The remains were accompanied to Bennington by Mrs. Miller's two sons, Buel D. of this village and Earl D. of Brooklyn.

GERMANY'S NOTE IS LONG

Second Lusitania Communication Handed to Ambassador Today

Berlin, via the Hague, July 9.—Germany's second note to the United States in the Lusitania matter was handed to Ambassador Gerard today. It is a long communication and the hour at which it will be made public in America can only be conjectured.

BOTHA CAPTURES GERMANS

Pretoria, S. A. July 9.—Gen. Botha, commander of the British forces in South Africa, has accepted the surrender of the entire German army and hostilities have ceased according to an official announcement.

BURNS DANISH STEAMER

Copenhagen, July 9.—The Danish steamer Ellen was set on fire by the crew of a German submarine in the North Sea and destroyed, according to the report of members of the crew landed today.

GERMAN WIRELESS STATION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT

Plant at Sayville, L. I., Has Been Temporarily Confiscated

RENEWAL OF LICENSE REFUSED

Naval Officers Will Be Placed in Charge to Avoid Breach of Neutrality.

New York, July 9.—American naval officers yesterday took charge of the powerful wireless plant of the Atlantic communication company at Sayville, L. I., which will be operated by the government until the close of the European war to insure against violations of neutrality. This is one of the two stations in the United States maintaining direct communication with Germany, the other, at Tuckerton, N. J., has been under control of the navy department since last fall.

Capt. William Ballard, superintendent of the naval radio service, took over the Sayville station, presenting a letter to the owners from Secretary Daniels. He is empowered to make all preliminary arrangements for the collection of tolls and management of the plant, and will use his discretion in whether to retain part of the regular force or man the station with naval operators.

Authority to assume control of radio stations and turn over the owners of the business to the private owners was given to the navy department by an executive order issued soon after the war began. It is understood at Washington that a protest filed by the Sayville owners is merely a formal action for the protection of legal rights and will not be pressed in an effort to interfere with the government's policy.

Although there have been reports of unusual cryptic messages sent from Sayville to be picked up by submarines or other vessels at sea in spite of the present naval censors, no charges of violations of neutrality have reached the navy department. Secretary Daniels in announcing the taking over of the plant yesterday merely said the action had become necessary on account of the refusal of Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce to issue a license to its owners. The station has been operating under a temporary arrangement.

In a letter to the navy department Mr. Redfield cited the fact that plant was German-owned, communicated with a plant in Germany controlled by the imperial government, was provided with its high-powered sending apparatus after the war began and had in charge of its experimental work Capt. Zenick of the German marine service. Under such circumstances, Secretary Redfield said, to grant the station a license would be an unethical act.

Regulations now in force at Tuckerton will be applied at Sayville. No code dispatches will be handled unless the officers in charge are provided with the cipher key and there will be liberal paraphrasing to prevent the possibility of secret codes being used.

REWARD IS OFFERED

South Shafsbury Does Not Propose To Tolerate Hoodlums

Editor of the Banner: The nuisance of holiday hoodlums has become too brazen to be tolerated. We owe it to our children that they be taught proper respect for public institutions and public property. Also to their parents that they be given a reminder that they properly control their children. The letter of a taxpayer in the Banner yesterday shows the public sentiment regarding this lawless disregard of public peace and order.

We can't afford to have our children sneaking around nights learning the way of thieves and burglars and acquiring a fondness for entertainment that consist of disturbing the peace and annoying those who like taxpayers are liberally providing the best neighborhood influences we can. Such a mean spirit of annoyance must not be tolerated or endorsed. In the ad columns will be found a reward offered which we hope will result in bringing about a more wholesome sense of public responsibility.

L. W. Cole, clerk of school board.

WEATHER

For eastern New York and western Vermont, fair tonight and Saturday, moderate temperature.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE VERDICT FOR WARNER

Killed Wife's Parents at Andover in November, 1914

SLAYER SHOWS NO EMOTION

Convicted Man May Be First To Be Executed by Electricity in Vermont

Woodstock, July 8.—"Guilty of murder in the first degree" was the verdict pronounced upon George Warner in Windsor county court today. The jury came in about 3 o'clock after being out since noon, and the prisoner received the announcement with the stolid indifference which has characterized his behavior all through his trial.

Spectators crowded the court room, but if they expected a dramatic climax to this peculiar trial, all were disappointed. Not a flicker passed over the impassive face of the prisoner, and he indeed realized the momentous character of the verdict, certainly he gave no sign.

Unless reversed by a higher court, the finding of the jury will stand, and George Warner will be the first Vermonter to die in the electric chair at Windsor, as provided by No. 97 of the Acts of 1912. Sentence was not pronounced as the prisoner's attorney gave notice of appeal on exceptions.

The murder took place in Simonsville, a hamlet in the town of Andover, November 4, 1914, and the motive was alleged by the defense to have been jealousy, due to the reputed intimacy of Mrs. Warner with a stage driver. This was pretty effectively discounted during the trial, and the real reason alleged was the successful attempt of the victims, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Higgins, to separate their daughter from her husband, who now faces death in the electric chair unless cleared by the decision of the Supreme court.

The case had been on trial since June 28, and the only defense was insanity. The case against the prisoner was clinched by a confession, alleged to have been signed by him and countersigned by a deputy sheriff, in which he told of the killing in detail and even confessed the motive.

An expert from the state hospital for the insane pronounced the man sane, after close observation under restraint, and many neighbors swore to his ability in the transaction of ordinary business and the generally rational character of his daily life. The attempt of the defense to show an uncontrollable frenzy from jealousy was not successful, the testimony of Mrs. Warner, wife of the prisoner, and daughter of the two murdered victims, apparently having much weight with the jury.

Windsor County court has seldom seen a more dramatic spectacle than this woman, risking her reputation and her neighborhood standing and yet standing up to defend herself against the aspersions of the defense, and incidentally drawing the net of justice tighter around her husband.

Incidentally, her husband, the faded George Warner, sat before her, silent, glum, nearly motionless, more like a craven image than a man, and not a wave of emotion swept his face, even when his counsel, failing to break the damaging testimony of this singular wife, gave up the task and let the witness go. Warner still preserves the same speechless and stony demeanor and neither friend, counsel nor reporter has been able to elicit anything of moment from him regarding the case.

Judge Fish will pass upon the exceptions taken by Warner's counsel and probably allow an appeal before the adjournment of the present term of court.

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FOUR AND ONE HALF INCHES OF RAIN IN 20 HOURS

Thursday's Storm One of the Heaviest Recorded in Years

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO CROPS

Extensive Repairs Will Be Necessary on Highways in Woodford and on Bennington Flats.

While no one individual will be a heavy loser the amount of damage caused by the heavy rain of Thursday afternoon will be considerable. There was a heavy downpour during the entire afternoon and when the accumulation from the large and precipitous watershed east of the village began to pour through the valley the Roaring Branch began to overflow its banks.

For about two hours the water in the stream continued to rise being at its highest point about 7 o'clock. The rain had at that time ceased and the flood soon began to subside.

Myron F. Stratton states that he carefully measured the rainfall for the 20 hours preceding 6 o'clock in the evening and found the total to be 4 and 1-4 inches. This exceeds by a fraction of an inch the fall during the freshest of 1898 when the Bennington and Glastenbury railroad was destroyed and the great washout was created on County street. That more damage did not result is due to the persistent work that was kept up during the past 15 years by Selectman E. M. Crawford on the river bed. The constant clearing out of boulders maintained a channel and the water Thursday did not overflow the banks to any considerable extent within the village limits.

Shortly before 5 o'clock Robert O. Oaks who lives on Grove street telephoned to Village Clerk W. P. Hogan that the stream was overflowing its banks near his home and there was danger that the flood would tear out a new course as had been the case on the occasion of previous freshets. The selectmen were in session and securing an automobile they hurried to the scene. Realizing that something must be done at once word was sent to Chief Harry B. Spear of the fire department who turned in an emergency alarm.

A number of men responded and with the assistance of the village team a wall of small boulders and earth was built along the bank. Early in the evening as the water continued to rise another alarm was rung in and between 15 and 20 men responded. They were able to keep the stream from getting out of its course and not a large amount of damage was caused in this locality, although the street will need some repairing.

The highway west of the red bridge in the locality known as "The Flats" was impassable for several hours and trolley service over the Bennington and Hoosick Valley branch of the Berkshire system was suspended for several hours. Some of the crops on the low land were badly damaged if not ruined and there is a considerable section of highway from which the surface was entirely washed away.

The iron trolley bridge near the Vermont soldiers' home has settled about 15 inches, making it necessary to transfer passengers. The water was so high on the meadows north of the soldiers' home during the afternoon that at one time all the patients in the hospital were moved to other quarters in the buildings.

By far the worst destruction was wrought in highway east of the red bridge on the Woodford road. Here the road was ripped out for a depth of two feet or more and the repairs will be expensive. One of the abutments on the bridge near the Edward Bushnell farm was damaged, but has been made passable by the use of props.

The town of Woodford will be the heaviest sufferer from the flood in this vicinity. The town has not lost a bridge but the structure over the Dunville stream is damaged. One stringer is down and an abutment has been undermined. It will require the expenditure of considerable money to repair the damage to the highways in the town, as the main valley is narrow and the water came through with more force than in the open country.

PLAYGROUND CELEBRATION Method of Observing National Holiday Generally Approved

That the celebration of July Fourth which was held upon the Playground last Monday evening was a sane, patriotic and thoroughly enjoyable celebration has become assured by many favorable comments since then. Best of all it was a truly community affair. The parade, patriotic in theme, and pleasing to the eye, was successful, not through the efforts of any single organization but through the united efforts of many. The Board of Trade furnished the band. The D. A. R.'s, the G. A. R.'s, the W. R. C.'s, the Camp Fire Girls each furnished a section. All the attendants of the playground came out loyal to swell the numbers many individuals gave their time and talent. Especial credit is due Mrs. Helena Downs, who sang the "Star Spangled Banner", and Wm. Hawks who acted as chief marshal. The presentation of the flag to the playground by Mrs. Marsden in behalf of the Women's Relief Corps and the flag salute by the entire corps was a fitting and impressive ceremony.

Good music is always appreciated and the band concert which was rendered by the village band was very good. Later the large bonfire and sparklers gave an effective method of illumination. This year, when all Bennington has been called upon to be most generous in support of organizations and charities at home and abroad, an expensive display of fireworks seemed out of place. And it has been proven to the satisfaction of the big crowd present that this way of celebrating was far more sane, economical and on the whole more satisfactory.

TWENTY TWO DEAD IN STORM

Million Dollar Property Loss Near Cincinnati

Cincinnati, July 9.—With 22 known dead, 10 missing and property loss that will exceed \$1,000,000, Cincinnati last night was making a valiant effort to recover from probably the worst wind and rain storm of its history. At 3:30 o'clock Wednesday night the storm broke; one-half hour later Cincinnati and its suburbs lay strewn in almost total darkness, its telephone system paralyzed, its street-car service completely suspended and its citizens groping to ascertain the toll the storm had exacted.

Two steamboats had gone down in the Ohio river, one having hit a bridge pier, while the other was overturned by the terrific force of the gale, probably 100 houses were leveled to the ground, a half dozen lofty church spires were toppled, and when the full extent of the damage was ascertained yesterday it was found that few houses in the city had escaped some damage. The streets of the downtown district were strewn with electric signs and plate-glass windows, while in the residence section and in the suburbs even wagon and automobile traffic was made impossible by hundreds upon hundreds of trees uprooted and thrown across the thoroughfares. Probably 50 club-houses along the Ohio river were swept into the stream and floated away.

BURGLARY AT MANCHESTER

Break at Combination Cash Store—About \$300 Loss.

Manchester Center, July 7.—Burglars entered the store of the Combination Cash Store company last night and were unsuccessful in an attempt to break into the safe. They got what small change was left in the cash drawers and a large quantity of silk ribbon and other silk goods. Entrance was effected through a rear window, where fly paper was pasted to the glass to deaden the sound of breaking. The burglar or burglars evidently were familiar with the quality of silk goods as they passed by the cheaper goods and took the best in the store. They started to drill the safe and evidently gave up the job after cutting about one-eighth of an inch into the door. They also clipped a corner off of the safe door, apparently in an attempt to loosen it with a chisel. The loss is estimated at from \$200 to \$300.

NICHOLS NOVELTY SHOP

Department Added for Sale and Display of Suits and Coats.

The store until recently occupied by Miss L. M. Barney in the Nichols block is undergoing repairs and will soon become a department of the E. L. Nichols store to be known as the "Nichols Novelty Shop" and patterned after the stores in the large cities devoted to the sale of ready-to-wear garments.

New fixtures will be installed and an archway will be cut through from the present quarters in the room to the east. The departure will give the store a large, well-lighted room on the ground floor for the sale and proper display of suits, coats and dresses for women, misses and children. Adv.

BIG GERMAN GUNS POUND FRENCH CITY OF ARRAS

Bombardment Has Been Continuous for 48 Hours

TRENCHES TAKEN AND RETAKEN

French Capture 800 Yards of Ditch and Admit Germans Took Away 100 Yards.

Paris, July 9.—Arras has been systematically bombarded for the past 48 hours and a large amount of damage has been done in the city, according to the official report issued by the war office today. The long range guns of the Germans appear to have the range and the city is on fire in a number of places.

London, July 8.—The capture by the French on Wednesday night of 800 yards of trenches north of the Souchez railway station is recorded for the first time in the afternoon bulletin issued in Paris, and the night communiqué admits the recapture by the Germans of 100 yards. German counter-attacks on the trenches southwest of Pilkem in Belgium, which were taken by the British on July 6, were repulsed with loss by the combined fire of British and French artillery.

The German official report, which is issued several hours earlier than the night communiqué from Paris, admits the loss of the Souchez trenches, but says the French were driven out by a counter-attack, and that "fighting still goes on" for their possession.

The German offensive in the St. Mihiel salient is still active, both Paris and Berlin reporting fighting in that region.

MINNEHAHA IS SAFE

Liner Arrives at Halifax and Reports the Fire Out.

Halifax, July 8.—The liner Minneha, which caught fire in mid-ocean, arrived at quarantine shortly before noon and reported that the fire in the hold had been extinguished. No one was permitted to leave the steamer and no one was allowed to go on board. The captain, too, refused to make any statement.

NOTICE

Meeting of the Bennington Fire Department will be held at the Stark Hose Co. rooms Saturday, July 10th 8 p. m. to hear the report of the carnival committee. George M. Hawks, president.

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